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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 17-30 and 40-51 are pending in the application. The applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 17-30 and 40-51, with thanks.

In the Office Action dated February 4, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 31-33 under 37 U.S.C. 103 (a) as unpatentable over U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2001/0044845 to Cloonan et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,822,411 to Swale et al. In response, the applicant has cancelled claims 31-33 without prejudice. As a result, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, favourable reconsideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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